

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

BIG LOTS, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: D.I. 8

**INTERIM ORDER ESTABLISHING NOTIFICATION AND HEARING
PROCEDURES FOR, AND APPROVING RESTRICTIONS ON, CERTAIN
TRANSFERS OF AND DECLARATIONS OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH
RESPECT TO INTERESTS IN THE DEBTORS' ESTATES**

Upon the motion (the “**Motion**”)² of Big Lots, Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the “**Debtors**”), each of which is a debtor and debtor in possession in the Chapter 11 Cases, for entry of interim and final orders, pursuant to sections 105 and 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 6003 and 6004, (a) enforcing the automatic stay by implementing the Procedures, (b) establishing and implementing restrictions on, and notification requirements regarding the Beneficial Ownership of, certain transfers of, and declarations of worthlessness with respect to, Common Stock, (c) directing that any purchase, sale, or other transfer of, or declaration of worthlessness with respect to, Common Stock in violation of the Procedures shall be null and

¹ The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors’ corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

void *ab initio*, and (d) granting related relief, as more fully described in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157; and the Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and the Court having found that venue of the Chapter 11 Cases and related proceedings being proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided to the Notice Parties, such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having reviewed and considered the Motion and the Ramsden Declaration; and the Court having held a hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion on an interim basis (the “**Hearing**”); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the Ramsden Declaration and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and the Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their creditors, their estates, and all other parties in interest; and the Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 6003; and all objections and reservations of rights filed or asserted in respect of the Motion, if any, having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis to the extent set forth in this order (this “**Order**”).

2. The Procedures set forth in **Exhibit A** to the Motion are hereby approved on an interim basis and incorporated herein by reference; *provided, however*, any party in interest may request relief from the Procedures.

3. Any transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock or declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock, in violation of the Procedures, including the notice requirements, shall be null and void *ab initio*.

4. In the case of any such transfer of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including the notice requirements, the Person making such transfer or conversion shall be required to take remedial actions specified by the Debtors, which may include the actions specified in the Treasury's Private Letter Ruling 201010009 (Dec. 4, 2009), to appropriately reflect that such transfer or conversion is null and void *ab initio*.

5. In the case of any such declaration of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, including the notice requirements, the Beneficial Owner making such declaration shall be required to file an amended tax return revoking such declaration and any related deduction to appropriately reflect that such declaration is void *ab initio*.

6. All time periods set forth in this Order (including in the Procedures) shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

7. The Debtors may retroactively or prospectively waive, in writing, any and all restrictions, stays, and notification procedures set forth in the Procedures.

8. To the extent that this Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading with respect to the Motion in the Chapter 11 Cases, the terms of this Order shall govern.

9. The requirements set forth in this Order are in addition to the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e) and applicable securities, corporate, and other laws and do not excuse noncompliance therewith.

10. A final hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion shall be held on October 9, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) and any objections or responses to the Motion shall be filed and served on the Notice Parties so as to be actually received on or prior to October 2, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

11. Nothing in this Order or any action taken by the Debtors in furtherance of the implementation hereof shall be deemed to constitute an assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, and all of the Debtors' rights with respect to such matters are expressly reserved.

12. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained herein shall (a) create, nor is it intended to create, any rights in favor of or enhance the status of any claim held by, any person or entity or (b) be deemed to convert the priority of any claim from a prepetition claim into an administrative expense claim.

13. Nothing in this Order nor the Debtors' payment of claims pursuant to this Order shall be construed as or deemed to constitute (a) an agreement or admission by the Debtors as to the amount, priority, character, or validity of any claim against the Debtors on any grounds, (b) a grant of third-party beneficiary status or bestowal of any additional rights on any third party, (c) a waiver or impairment of any rights, claims, or defenses of the Debtors' rights to dispute the amount, priority, character, or validity of any claim on any grounds, whether under bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy law, (d) a promise by the Debtors to pay any claim or (e) an implication or admission by the Debtors that such claim is payable pursuant to this Order.

14. Within five business days of the entry of this Order, the Debtors shall serve copies of this Order on the Notice Parties and this Order shall be made available on the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases information website located at <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/BigLots>, such notice being reasonably calculated to provide notice to all parties that may be affected by the Procedures, whether known or unknown, and no further notice of the Procedures shall be necessary.

15. Any Bankruptcy Rule or Local Rule that might otherwise delay the effectiveness of this Order is hereby waived, and the terms and conditions of this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

16. The Debtors are authorized to take any action necessary or appropriate to implement and effectuate the terms of, and the relief granted in, this Order without seeking further order of the Court.

17. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over any matter arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: September 11th, 2024
Wilmington, Delaware


J. KATE STICKLES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE